action proposed to be taken to allot more wagons to carry stock of cotton seeds, oil etc. lying uncleared for more than six months in Guntur and other nearby places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Statewise statistics are not maintained. However, in the four Divisions of S.C. Railway, i.e. Vijayawada, Secunderabad, Hyderabad and Guntukal, which primarily serve the state of Andhra Pradesh, the actual demand and the number of wagons loaded during 1989-90, 1990-91 and upto June 1991, are given as under:-

Year	*Indent*	*Loading*
1989-90	1307962	1304820
1990-91	1349089	1338966
Upto June, 1991	348472	341123

(b) There had been less supply of wagons for loading of cotton seeds and deoiled cake etc, due to competing demands from other important sectors, namely Foodgrains, Fertilisers and Cement on S.C. Railway. However, special efforts were made to clear this traffic during the last two months and bulk of the demand has been met. At present, there is no pending demand at Guntur station and a few demands are pending at other stations in Vijayawada Division for loading of cotton seeds and deoiled cake.

Harnessing of Renewable Sources of Energy in Andhra Pradesh

5389. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop non-conventional energy sources in Vishakhapatnam area in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). The ongoing programmes for development of non conventional energy sources in Andhra Pradesh, are being implemented in Visakhapatnam district as in the case of other districts. The details of some important on-going programmes, with specific reference to Visakhapatnam, are as follows:

1. National Project on Biogas development

During 1991-92, a target of 400 family size biogas plans, in addition to the 1629 already set up, has been fixed, of which 120 plants have been installed by the end of July, 1991.

Seven Institutional Night Soil based biogas plants have been sanctioned with an estimated cost of Rs,21,30,360/- out of which one project at A.P. Road Transport Corporation is already under implementation

2. National Programme on Improved Chulha

During 1991-92, a target of 6,000 chulhas in addition to the 18738 chulhas installed so far, has been proposed for installation. By July 1991, 800 Wood Burning Stoves were air already installed.

3. Biomass Energy Plantation

Under this programme, the Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority has undertaken energy plantation at

the port area in an area of 80 hectares at an estimated cost of Rs.3.44 lakhs.

4. Urjagram Project

Four villages, namely Dakamavi, Duvvapalam, Kotanarva and villes Thimmapuram have been identified under the Government of India's Urjagram project and energy surveys completed.

5. Wind Energy

a. Wind Survey:- One wind ,monitoring station was set up in Bhimunipatnam of Visakhapatnam District during September 1988. Data is being collected for estimating wind potential.

b. Wind Mapping Project:- Two wind mapping stations-one at Vaddadi and another at Narasingapalli were set up and the data is collected for preparation of wind climatology.

No proposal has been yet made for setting of any wind power project in Visakhapatnam district.

Train between Hyderabad and Parli

5390. SHRI M. BAGA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a fast passenger train from Hyderabad to Parli, via Vikarabad and Bidar;

(b) if so, when

(c) whether the Government are aware that the arrival and departure timings of the present two trains running on this rout e are most inconvenient to the passengers; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to adjust the timings of these trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Schedules of both the passenger trains viz. 347/348, Secunderabad-Parlivaijnath and 349/350 Hyderabad-Parlivaijnath are considered convenient to the passengers.

(d) Does not arise.

DESU Billing System

5391. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "DESU losing crores every month " appearing in the Indian Express dated August 9, 1991;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and whether the DESU has changed its billing system from bi-monthly to four monthly meter reading system;

(c) if so, whether this new billing system is causing losses to DESU ; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the present system of the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU), bills to th e domestic consumerr are sent on bimonthly basis and to the non-domestic/ industrial consumers on monthly basis. A bill on actual matter reading basis is prepared every four months and a bill on provisional basis is sent in between for two months based on past consumption in the case of domestic consumers. The system of four monthly meter reading adopted by DESU requires number of Meter Readers.